

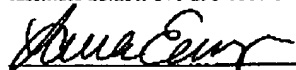
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**Amendment after Final Rejection**

Dear Examiner Burkhart:

This is a reply to the Office Action with a mailing date of September 19, 2005 setting a three (3) month period of time for reply. Applicants hereby request a one (1) month extension in time for response to reply. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record. As the amendments are made to specifically claim allowable matter as indicated by the Examiner, it is requested that the amendment be entered after the final rejection without the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 5.

Remarks begin on page 6.